

Seekonk Veterans' Council			
11.3.2021		7:00pm	Senior Center Cafe
Meeting called by	Kevin Kugel		
Type of meeting	Seekonk Veterans' Council Meeting, Audio #027		
Chairman	Kevin Kugel		
Audio/Transcriber	James LaFlame		
Attendees	Committee Members: Kevin Kugel (Chair) William Curtis (Vice Chair), Moises Moniz, Russell Pion, Adam Tumlinson & LaNon Neary Other: James LaFlame (VSO), Joseph Raez, Adam Petronio & Lt. Kelly (Seekonk Police Department) Absent: David Reis (w/o cause)		
Meeting Minutes			
Discussion	Meeting minutes for October 19th were approved.		
Action Items	Minutes to be sent to Town Clerk and posted on the town website		
Deadline	ASAP		
Agenda Topic			
	Rolling Parade		

Rolling Parade	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Rolling Parade was moved up in the agenda for the convenience of our guest, Lt. Kelly from the Seekonk PD.2. Lt. Kelly was given the parade route. He commented on how well done and useful the route would be in planning police support.3. They will provide a cruiser to lead the parade, as well as one for traffic control at the end of the parade. They will use the route to plan additional support at intersections.4. He was also willing to offer a color guard for the ceremony. Kevin will let him know, as he is waiting on confirmation from Troop 1 in that regard.5. Kevin and Jim shared contact information with Lt. Kelly.6. Jim said there were 14 confirmed vehicles (including the antique fire truck and military vehicles), but there were several more possible participants.7. Jim will put out an additional social media blast to ensure maximum participation.8. Joe will be back at the park with Jim as the parade is running. DPW is providing traffic cones to assist Joe in saving parking spots for the parade vehicles.9. Mo and Joe got the word out for kids to have signs made up for posting along the route, especially at the Aitken School.10. The Fire Museum will have two World War II Veterans watching the parade from the museum. They will be transported over to the ceremony following the parade.11. Adam T. suggested throwing candy for kids along the route.

Agenda Topic			
	VSO / Chair Update		
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jim confirmed that the council had seen the KIA banner proof from FastSigns, as he had emailed it out that earlier that day. 2. Adam T. made a motion to accept the new banner design, seconded by LaNon and voted unanimously. 3. Jim will let Karen from FastSigns know we are ready to move ahead with the project. 4. An update was given on the Fall Leaf Clean Up being run in conjunction with Seekonk High School. 5. The date for the event will take place on Saturday, November 13th. 6. Kevin's updates will be given during old business. 		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
1. Accept the proof in the FastSigns customer portal		James	ASAP

Agenda Topic		
	Holiday Festival	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bill received a \$50 store credit from Lowe's for lights or extension cords. He is hoping for additional donations from Walmart and Home Depot.2. Bill has 14 sets of lights that include 300 bulbs on each set. Additionally Adam P. is donating 35 sets of LED lights purchased from Ocean State Job Lot.3. Bill floated the idea of acquiring 3 or 4 outlet stations that turn on at dusk and turn off automatically after six hours.4. Adam P. was in contact telephonically with DPW's Scott Olobri as the discussion ensued. Scott believed power could be drawn from the box next to the sign at the front of the park, as the outlet to the rear of the memorial was both in an inconvenient location and likely not adequate for the number of lights we would require.5. Russ will meet up with Scott at the memorial. A long term solution that was brought up was to have the town's contracted electrician put in outlets underneath all of the stone benches. This would likely take place prior to next year's event.6. Kevin was hoping to have the signs for the trees in, but they have yet to arrive. He did purchase the zip cords for securing the trees to the rebar.7. Jim stated there were still 7 trees left to sell. He will be sending out the updated information regarding the trees and how to purchase them.	
New Business		

<p>Discussion</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kevin brought it to the council's attention that David Reis had missed his 5th consecutive meeting without cause. According to Town Charter, this constitutes a vacated seat on the council.2. Bill made a motion to vote on removal of Mr. Reis from the council. It was seconded by Adam T. and voted unanimously.3. Jim will check with the T.A.'s office to see if a formal letter from the Council Chair would be required.4. Bill talked to the second in command at the American Legion to see if they would consider attending one of our council meetings.5. Bill gave him his contact information for the Commander, he has yet to hear back from him. He did report that the legion no longer allows smoking in the building and they are looking to make upgrades to the facility.6. LaNon brought up the idea of a "Military Minute" to highlight the service of the town's Veterans, allowing them to tell their story via a short Q & A. It could be put on the town hall's Facebook group, which would in turn get shared on various other sites. She is willing to spearhead the project following the holidays.
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Agenda Topic			
	Veterans' Day Ceremony		
Discussion	<div><div></div><div><div><div>1. Jim received confirmation from SHS Band Director John Smialek that his brass ensemble will be able to perform for us at the ceremony.</div><div>2. He didn't have a tuba player available, so Jim agreed to pay for one to cover the gig.</div><div>3. Jim confirmed with the library that the lobby would be open for restroom access.</div><div>4. Jim requested for someone from the council to speak about the holiday festival, Kevin agreed to speak.</div><div>5. LaNon agreed to read the Governor's Proclamation.</div><div>6. Senator Feeney and Congressman Auchincloss are still not confirmed for the event, so Jim will look to get an answer either way to lock down the program.</div><div>7. Eight days out, the weather is looking very favorable, but we'll have canopies ready if the outlook takes a turn for the worse in the final days leading to the event.</div></div></div></div>		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
<div><div></div><div><div>1. Write the script and produce programs for the ceremony</div><div>2. Confirm Color Guard participation</div></div></div>		<div><div></div><div><div>1. Jim</div><div>2. Kevin</div></div></div>	ASAP
Topic	Adjournment		
Motion made by Mo to adjourn, seconded by Russ and voted unanimously			